

Minutes.....April 17, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on April 17, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Brainard was absent but left a proxy with Commissioner Feland.

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(130) In the matter of Qwest Corporation, Docket No. N2001.3.33; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(131) In the matter of T-01.7.RI; On March 12, 2001 Helena Unlimited, Inc. dba Last Chance Tours, Helena, Montana, PSC No. 2516, filed an application to increase passenger fares on their tour operation of between 10 and 17 percent. The rate increase was noticed to the public on March 14, 2001 and no protests were received. Staff recommends approval of the rate increase, with the increases to take effect on April 26, 2001.

Class A - Persons in the City of Helena, Montana.
Limitations: This certificate may not be sold, leased, transferred or assigned.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(132) In the matter of TN2094; James A. Jones dba Oilfield Maintenance Company, Gillette, Wyoming requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9131 to Rickey D. Rost dba Disposal Services Corp., Miles City, Montana for a one year period, April 24, 2001 to April 24, 2002.

Class D - Garbage, solid waste, debris between all points and places in the following counties: Powder River, Custer, Prairie and Dawson.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the continuation of the lease. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

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(133) In the matter of T-01.8.AR; Lynn J. Labatte dba L & L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana, submitted a Verified Statement for the Class D authority granted in PSC No. 5039. L & L Sanitation transports garbage for the Towns of Froid and Bainville, Montana, along with several rural customers. The garbage is transported to a landfill in North Dakota, making all the transportation moves interstate. L & L Sanitation is requesting it be allowed to retain its Class D operating authority.

Class D - Garbage and solid waste within the City of Culbertson, and a 20 mile radius thereof.

SUB A Class D - Garbage within the town of Bainville, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Anderson moved to allow retention of the operating authority by L&L Sanitation. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(134) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 2, 2001. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Brainard's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary
(SEAL)

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Commissioner Rowe was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney, David Burchett

(134) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Five Valleys Gas, Docket No. D2000.12.205; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the order approving the rate increase. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney, David Burchett

(135) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's gas tracker and sale of gas assets, Dockets No. D20001.1.1 and D96.2.22; Commissioner Anderson moved to reschedule the hearing to August 14-17, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(136) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's revision to its gas transportation balancing penalty, Docket No. D2000.12.211; Commissioner Brainard moved to adopt the interim order as the final order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Tina Shorten

(137) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Richard Helfrich v. Montana Power Company, Docket No. D2000.11.193; Commissioner Stovall moved to issue the protective order governing customer information. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney

(138) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the proposed addition to the Commission's telecommunications slamming rules, Docket No. L-01.4.1-RUL; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the

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notice of public hearing on the proposed addition. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(139) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of various applications for approval of interconnection agreements – Citizens Telecommunications and Interbel Telephone Cooperative, Docket No. D2001.1.11; Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Docket No. D2001.1.17; and Qwest Corporation and Summit Wireless, Docket No. D2001.1.8; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the interconnection agreements. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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Minutes.....April 19, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on , the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was absent but left his proxy with Commissioner Feland.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(140) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Corporation and Essex Communications, Docket No. D2001.1.9; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the interconnection agreement with additional language suggested by staff to section 6.2.12. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Anderson's proxy aye. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
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